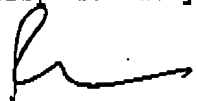


The instant application is subject to a restriction requirement. For the purpose of examination, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I (Claims 1 - 5 drawn to a battery separator comprising a tri-layered film having a polypropylene-polyethylene-polypropylene structure), reserves the right to traverse, and reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant looks forward to the first Office Action on the merits.

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